

OSU Dance in the Community



Body Scripting Masterclass with Tomar Rogoff and Gregg Mozgala, collaboration between OSU Dance, The Humanities Institute, Film Studies, Disability Studies and Office of Diversity and Inclusion.



*Day of Dance with 75 third graders from Starling Elementary School
Dana Schafer, Senior Project*

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*Performance by dancers from
Correctional Facility
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Purpose

The Department of Dance recognizes a responsibility to build public understanding and appreciation of dance as a diverse creative, cultural, and educational expression. In pursuit of this goal, the department tours to area K-12 schools, performs in downtown theatres, takes projects to prisons, community centers, and galleries, and brings children to campus and to the theatres for their own immediate experiences with dance.

Impact

Select OSU dance majors spend 3 months preparing a 1-hour concert of contemporary dance to tour to 7-8 area public schools. They also prepare a study guide for the teachers.

Each year, 800 students from schools in the greater Columbus area are bussed in to the Young People's Concert at the Capitol Theatre, to see a fully produced program of contemporary dance.

The outreach projects give close to 1,500 young people annually an opportunity to experience dance, validating the kinesthetic, musical, and imaginative expressions of human existence, so often under-represented in education.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

Department of Dance
Karen A Bell Fund for
Community Outreach
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Arts-Community Outreach Grant
Outreach Arts Initiative of College of
Arts and Science

Community Partners Involved

Columbus City Schools
Hilliard City Schools
Upper Arlington City Schools
Charter Schools
Day Care Centers
Franklin County Community Based
Correctional Facility



*OSU dancers are hands in for hands on
dance experiences*



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